### THE VERMONT BUSINESS PORTAL

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# SIMPLIFYING GOVERNMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESSES

- Create a plan for an enhanced one-stop business portal
- Questions often asked by users:
  - How do I create and register a business in Vermont?
  - Which state agencies do I need to contact?
  - How do I know if I missed anything?

## WHAT WILL THE PORTAL DO FOR SOMEONE STARTING A BUSINESS?

- When starting a business it provides a single point of entry for interfacing with Government.
- User friendly environment that is easy to use.
- Behind the scenes workflows to usher you through the process.
- One username/one payment.
- Additional functionality as time goes on.

### **BIZ PORTAL PHASE ONE:**

- The intent is to replace the current system with a modern platform that is sustainable and easy to use.
- First set of groups to go live:
  - Secretary of State
  - Department of Taxes
  - Department of Labor
  - Agency of Commerce and Community Development

#### TIMELINE FOR PHASE ONE

- 2018 Issued Request for Information and filed a progress report with the Vermont Legislature.
- 2019 Issued Request for Proposal, began process to select a vendor.
- 2020 Vendor selected for pilot; Governor commits one million in proposed budget.
- Future 2020 work Project kickoff, pilot phase, decision point, contracting and begin to Build Phase 1.
- 2021 Identify order of the agencies to onboard.